

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP

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Dear Friends,

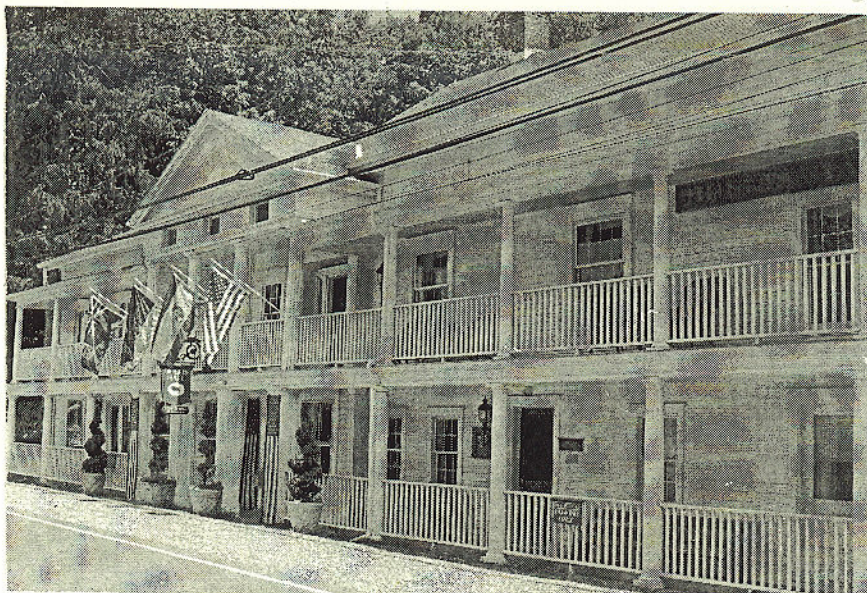
We have just returned from a trip to Cooperstown, New York. "This is the most enjoyable experience I've had with the Georgians," one member exclaimed. The visit began with dinner on the grand wraparound porch of Auchinbreck, the seventeenth-century house of June and Kent Barwick. Thursday we were treated to a fascinating tour of Hyde Hall, an outstanding eighteenth-century mansion beautifully situated at the foot of the lake named Glimmerglass by James Fenimore Cooper. We spent the rest of the day on a walking tour through several Georgian and Georgian revival houses and returned to Hyde Hall for an elegant candlelight buffet. The distinguished Sir Michael Rose, one of the most highly decorated officers in the British army, was our guest of honor at dinner and at the later special cocktail reception during intermission at the *Pirates of Penzance*. We all felt the AFGG contribution to the restoration of a staircase at Hyde Hall had been a wonderful investment and our visit there was thoroughly delightful.

Earlier in the spring we visited charming Ridgefield, Connecticut. Our day trip included a farmhouse from 1735 and a tavern from the 1750s as well as some gorgeous revival houses and lunch at the Elms Inn. Our day trips are always popular. In October we will spend a day in Millbrook, New York. Be sure to sign up early for this lovely fall event.

Surprisingly, there remain a very few places on the October 20-25 trip to Buckinghamshire. The Georgian Group in England has planned a trip filled with visits to private houses and astonishing gardens. We will stay at magnificent Hartwell House. If you wish to join this special tour, please call or e-mail us right away.

John Danzer is widely admired for his exterior designs. He will be speaking to us on September 14 about garden furniture of the past, with an emphasis on the Georgian. We are very excited about our Georgian wine tasting in November, which will be held at the residence of the British Consul General. The annual general meeting, together with our traditional Christmas celebration, will be held on December 4 at the beautiful showroom of Carlton Hobbs. As a special holiday treat, we will have a talk by B. J. Rahn about Agatha Christie's Georgian house, Greenway.

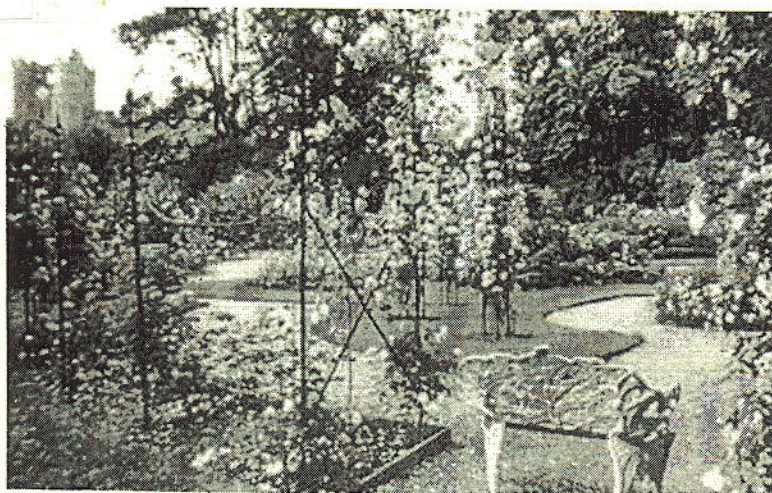
Remember to look up our new web site, www.americangeorgians.org for the latest information on all our lectures and tours.



Best wishes,

John Kinnear
President

Bullis Hall



Warwick Castle

Furnishing a Folly: a History of Garden Furniture and Design

**John Danzer, garden design historian
Founder, Munder-Skiles**

Thursday, September 14, 2006 6:00 p.m.

The Arsenal, Central Park
Fifth Avenue and 64th Street, New York City

Landscape and garden design were important features of the Georgian world. Our first fall event will be a lecture by the distinguished John Danzer, an expert on the history of garden furniture. His company, Munder-Skiles, specializes in the design and production of historically inspired garden furniture. Educated as an art historian, John Danzer addresses decorative arts, design, and horticultural organizations on the history of garden furniture design. His second company is Exterior Decorator, for which he advises clients on appropriate furnishings for various environments. He also publishes a magazine called the World of Exteriors. His talk to us will cover a broad historical span, with a focus on the follies, chairs, and tables of the Georgian period.

Fittingly, this lecture on exteriors will be held at the Arsenal in Central Park. The Arsenal was designed by Martin E. Thompson to resemble a medieval castle and built around 1850. The lobby contains murals by WPA artist Allan Saalburg. Our lecture will be followed by a reception on the roof (weather permitting) of the Arsenal, which is at the entrance to the park at Fifth Avenue and 64th Street.

Please make your reservation on the form below and return it to us by September 7.

\$50 per person



The Arsenal

REGISTRATION

Lecture and reception, September 14, 2006. Price per person \$50.00

Please make your check payable to **The American Friends of the Georgian Group** and mail it to us **before September 7** to 122 East 58th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022

NAME _____

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Field Trip to Millbrook, New York

Saturday, October 14, 2006

Bus departs from the southeast corner of
72nd Street and Park Avenue

promptly at 8:00

we will return to NYC between 7 and 8



Autumn in Hudson Valley hunt country is as picturesque as any Georgian could desire. It will make a scenic background for our exploration of the work of prominent architect and builder Nathaniel Lockwood, who was responsible for many handsome buildings in the area in the early nineteenth century. Lockwood's style was primarily Doric-order Greek Revival, inspired by contemporary pattern books. Our tour will include examples of ground-up construction, Greek Revival nineteenth-century houses, and Greek Revival nineteenth-century additions grafted on to eighteenth-century houses. At Bird House, we will be on the spot to hear the story of Lockwood's scandalous behavior. None of the houses we will visit are open to the public and all have been recently restored. We will enjoy luncheon at Stissing House, a mid-eighteenth-century inn and meeting house in Pine Plains. Before returning to the city, we will have refreshments at Bullis Hall, a Greek Revival building in Bangall, dating from 1832 and now a Relais & Châteaux grand country inn.

Space on this trip is limited and reservations will be honored in the order in which they are received. We must receive your reservation and payment by October 5. This is a full-day trip, so please plan accordingly.

\$150 per person, which includes transportation, luncheon, and refreshments

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NAMES OF GUESTS _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thursday, September 14

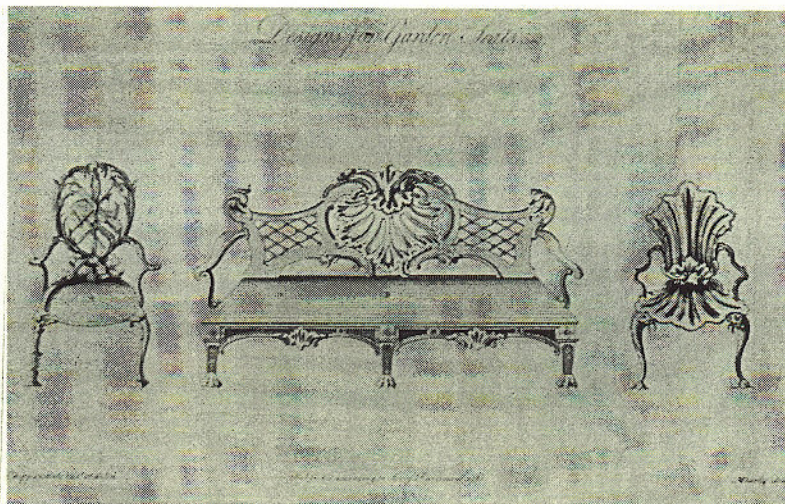
Lecture by John Danzer and reception, The Arsenal

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Day trip to Millbrook, New York

October 20-25

Country houses of Buckinghamshire *A few spaces remain for the annual English trip. Call now!*

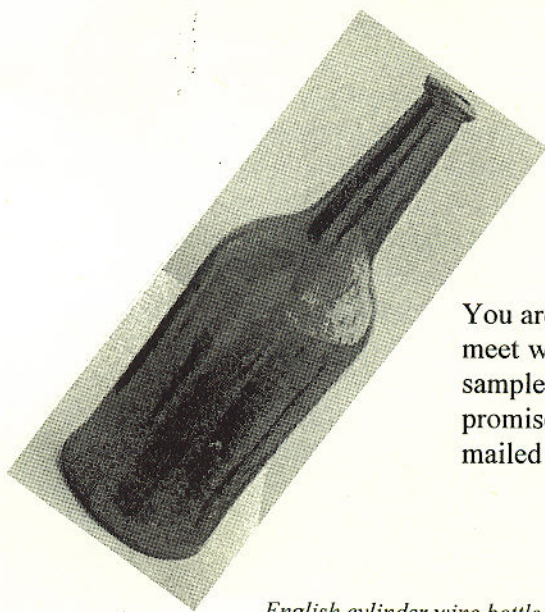


SAVE THIS DATE !!!!

Monday, November 13

A Georgian Wine Tasting

You are cordially invited to the residence of the British Consul General to meet wine expert and author Graham Harding, who will discuss and offer samples of wines popular in the Georgian period. This special benefit event promises to be unusually entertaining and enlightening! Invitations will be mailed separately, but mark your calendar right away!



English cylinder wine bottle c.1750-1780

Monday, December 4

Our annual general meeting and Christmas party at the showroom of Carlton Hobbs, 60 East 93rd Street
Special guest speaker, B. J. Rahn, will discuss Greenway, Agatha Christie's Georgian house in Devon.

*For additional information, send an e-mail to AFGGNYC@aol.com.
Membership information is at our web site: www.americangeorgians.org*